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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO'S DESIRE PURCHASE DC-8

FOR ASSISTANT SEC EASUM FROM AMBASSADOR

1. MINISTER OF STATE RAWIRI INFORMED ME CONFIDENTIALLY
TODAY THAT SEC GEN OAU NZO EKANGAKI HAD INFORMED GOG BY
PHONE THAT OAU AGREEABLE TO SALE OF DC-8. NZO
EKANGAKI WILL ARRIVE LIBREVILLE APRIL 27 ON CONFIDENTIAL
REPEAT CONFIDENTIAL MISSION TO CONFIRM THIS AGREEMENT IN
WRITING. RAWIRI SAID PRESIDENT BONGO HAD ASKED RAWIRI
TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ME IMMEDIATELY SO THAT
I COULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND HELP EXPEDITE SALE.
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2. I THANKED RAWIRI FOR INFO BUT STRESSED THAT USG WOULD

NEED WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM OAU BEFORE BEING ABLE TO
CONSIDER MATTER. RAWIRI SAID THAT NZO EKANGAKI SHOULD
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR USG WHEN HE
CAME HERE THIS WEEKEND. RAWIRI STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE
BONGO ATTACHES TO OBTAINING PLANE SOONEST.

3. LETTER FROM ME TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM GIVING
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MY CONVERSATION WITH BONGO IN
NEW YORK POUCHED APRIL 21 (REGISTRATION NO. 1377606)
AND SHOULD ARRIVE WASHINGTON MORNING APRIL 26 BY DIPLOMATIC
COURIER ROUTE 300.
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